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Letter dated 21 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter to you dated 21 August 2006 from Omer Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, regarding the situation in Darfur (see annex).

I would greatly appreciate it if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Omer Bashir **Manis**
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will effectively resolve the matter. However, in our view, the movements that reject the Agreement regard the entry of the United Nations forces into Darfur as an infringement or even a negation of the Darfur Peace Agreement. This emboldens them to step up their subversive activities with a view to, in effect, frustrating the Agreement. Moreover, the militias would be suspicious of the role of the United Nations forces and would be decisively against acceding to the Government's plan to disarm them.

The effect of a transfer to the United Nations forces at this stage, when a start is being made on the practical implementation of the plans and programmes for peace in Darfur, will be to further confuse matters and to create a very disorderly situation, leading without a doubt to acts of violence and unmanageable confrontations among all parties in Darfur, including the United Nations forces.

I would not wish you to think that the position of the Government of the Sudan is one of rejection of the role of the United Nations in the matter of Darfur, however, that is, in fact, undeniably the position of the people and of the legislative and executive institutions of Darfur concerning the transfer.

Accordingly, we request the Security Council to be patient and not to be in a hurry to adopt a new resolution on the matter, and to allow the Government of the Sudan sufficient time to resolve the situation in Darfur and to concentrate on implementing the Peace Agreement under the plan that I transmitted to the Secretary-General and to provide support to the forces of the African Union in accordance with the undertakings made in that connection, as well as to continue to support the humanitarian assistance in which the Government of the Sudan is playing a leading role. We wish for continuation of the dialogue and consultation between us, as well as with the African Union, pertaining to the objective of reaching a common view so that the desired objective of strengthening peace in Darfur may be attained.

(*Signed*) Omer Hassan Ahmad **Al-Bashir**
President of the Republic of the Sudan